

**Why is my child being asked to make a recording?**

Students are asked to make recordings of their progress so that I may better evaluate their progress. Recordings also allow for students to speak to me about any issues that may arise.

**When will students receive their assignments?**

Students will receive their recording assignments towards the beginning of the quarter. The recording assignments are due before the end of the quarter that the piece is assigned.

**What are some ways in which I can record?**

Students may record in the way that is best for their situation. A recorder is provided in our band room with easy to follow instructions. Students may also record at home & submit by email.

**How many pieces are recorded?**

Woodwinds & Brass are asked to record one band piece & their scales every quarter. Percussion are asked to record rudiments & scales. Details about scales & rudiments are shown below.

**Which band pieces are chosen for woodwinds and brass to record?**

We generally play an easier piece and a harder piece at the Christmas & Spring Concerts.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Students will record the easier Christmas Concert piece.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Students will record the harder Christmas Concert piece and their scales.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: Students will record the easier Spring Concert piece and their scales.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: Students will record the harder Spring Concert piece and their scales.

**What scales are chosen?**

Students can choose the scales that they would like to play. Below is a list of expectations. Students will be graded on recordings during the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Students will be given a sheet with their scales, they may also download them from the website.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students will play 3 beginning level scales. *These are done as a class.*
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students will play 6 scales of their choice. *2 per quarter*
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students will play 9 scales of their choice *3 per quarter*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students will play all 12 scales for memory. *4 per quarter*

**What are percussion rudiments?**

Percussion rudiments allow for percussionists to have better control. The rudiments will be given to percussionists and can also be downloaded. Mrs. Schneider will be working every period with the percussionists this year and will help you in working towards this. Demonstrations are also available on the website.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students will perform Group V rudiments. *No Grade*
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students will perform Group IV rudiments. *Students perform 3 rudiments.*
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students will perform Group III rudiments. *Students perform 3 rudiments.*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students will perform Group II rudiments. *Students perform 3 rudiments.*